

be predictable; military tension will rise accordingly in the Taiwan Strait and regional peace and stability will be affected. This cannot be in the best interests of any country, especially those in the region.

Mr. Speaker, since 9/11 there has been a heightened recognition of the benefits of cooperation with Beijing on security issues in the region; ranging from eliminating the North Korean nuclear threat, to stabilizing the Taiwan Strait, and countering global terrorism. A security crisis over Taiwan is something we all must work to avert. But, China's proposed Anti-Secession Law is a bad law with serious consequences for future relations between China and Taiwan, as well as regional stability. I hope the Chinese Government will reconsider their actions and return to the "Good Neighbor" policy that has worked so effectively for so long.

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TRIBUTE TO MARIE RUST

**HON. DONALD M. PAYNE**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 9, 2005*

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the distinguished career

of Marie Rust as she retires from the National Park Service. Ms. Rust will be retiring after spending 31 years as caretaker of the National Park System in 13 northeast states. Early in her National Park Service Career, as Director of Personnel, she was personally charged with forming the North Atlantic Region, of which my home state of New Jersey is a member.

She has been a tireless advocate for the National Parks of New Jersey, including Edison National Historic Site, Morristown National Historical Park, Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, and the Sandy Hook Unit of Gateway National Recreation Area.

In my own Congressional District, Ms. Rust was instrumental in facilitating the development of the public/private partnership between the National Park Service, the Edison Preservation Foundation, and the Friends of Edison National Historic Site. Both groups are devoted to the preservation of the Edison legacy and the Historic Site on Main Street in West Orange, as well as the Edison home in Llewellyn Park. The fund raising efforts of these groups, combined with the federal appropriations we were able to secure, have been instrumental in saving the site's historic structures and improving the condition of the artifacts the buildings contain. Her leadership

has made possible the current rehabilitation effort at the Site, which will provide accessibility to all visitors, broaden the Edison story with new exhibits and tours, and preserve the buildings for future generations of visitors.

Close to my own heart, she has been active on the International front as a founding member of the International Coalition of Historic Sites of Conscience, working to preserve historic sites that are connected to social issues. She has safeguarded the history of these places and used them to foster public dialogue, reminding us always that our past can and should shape the way we speak about the contemporary issues of our day.

I am grateful for Marie Rust's leadership in my community and for her three decade long fight for the protection of our national treasures.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in extending my thanks to Ms. Rust for her many years of environmental stewardship and preservation, and I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing her a rewarding retirement.

## SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, February 10, 2005 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

## MEETINGS SCHEDULED

## FEBRUARY 15

9:30 a.m.

## Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine priorities and plans for the atomic energy defense activities of the Department of Energy and to review the President's budget request for fiscal year 2006 for atomic energy defense activities of the Department of Energy and National Nuclear Security Administration.

SH-216

## Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

## Investigations Subcommittee

To continue hearings to examine the United Nations management and oversight of the Oil-for-Food Program (OFF Program), focusing on the operations of the independent inspection agents retained by the United Nations and their role within the OFF Program, including the administration of the OFF Program by the U.N. Office of the Iraq Program and the findings of the U.N. Office of Internal Oversight Services.

SD-342

10 a.m.

## Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the Administration's proposed fiscal year 2006 Department of Veterans Affairs budget.

SR-418

2:30 p.m.

## Energy and Natural Resources

## Energy Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the future of liquefied natural gas, focusing on the prospects for liquefied natural gas (LNG) in the United States and to discuss the safety and security issues related to LNG developments.

SD-366

## Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine CIA document disclosure under the Nazi War Crimes Disclosure Act.

SD-419

4 p.m.

## Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of John Paul Woodley, Jr., of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army, Buddie J. Penn, of Virginia,

to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy, and the following named officer for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601: Adm. William J. Fallon, to be Admiral.

SR-222

## FEBRUARY 16

9:30 a.m.

## Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the President's fiscal year 2006 budget request for Indian programs.

SR-485

10 a.m.

## Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the semi-annual monetary policy report to Congress.

SD-106

## Finance

To hold hearings to examine the President's budget proposals for fiscal year 2006.

SD-215

## Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget for fiscal year 2006 for foreign affairs.

SD-419

## Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine the realities of safety and security regarding drug importation.

SD-430

## Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine transforming government for the 21st Century.

SD-342

11:30 a.m.

## Energy and Natural Resources

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

Room to be announced

## FEBRUARY 17

9:30 a.m.

## Armed Services

To resume hearings to examine the proposed Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2006 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SH-216

## Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine democracy in retreat in Russia.

SD-419

## Judiciary

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-226

10 a.m.

## Finance

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Daniel R. Levinson, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services, Harold Damelin, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of the Treasury, and Raymond Thomas Wagner, Jr., of Missouri, to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board.

SD-215

## Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold hearings to examine the President's budget request for fiscal year 2006 for the Small Business Administration.

SR-428A

2:30 p.m.

## Energy and Natural Resources

## National Parks Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine National Park Service's implementation of the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act.

SD-366

## MARCH 1

10 a.m.

## Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2006 for the Department of the Interior.

SD-366

## MARCH 2

10 a.m.

## Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2006 for the Forest Service.

SD-366

## MARCH 3

9:30 a.m.

## Armed Services

To resume hearings to examine the proposed Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2006 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SH-216

10 a.m.

## Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2006 for the Department of Energy.

SD-366

## MARCH 8

9:30 a.m.

## Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine military strategy and operational requirements in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2006.

SH-216

10 a.m.

## Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings to examine the reauthorization of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

SD-106

2 p.m.

## Veterans' Affairs

To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of the Disabled American Veterans.

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## MARCH 9

10 a.m.

## Veterans' Affairs

To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

SH-216

## MARCH 10

10 a.m.

## Veterans' Affairs

To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans Affairs to examine the legislative presentations of the Blinded Veterans Association, the Non-Commissioned Officers Association, the Military Order of the Purple Heart, the Paralyzed Veterans of America and the Jewish War Veterans.

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